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SUBJECT: FY'77 IVP

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1. GRANTEE DEPARTING FOR U.S. OCT. 27 ON TWO 903, ARRIVING NEW YORK KENNEDY AT 1515; PROCEEDING BY NA 403 AT 1740, ARRIVING WASHINGTON NATIONAL AT 1838. CLEARANCE IN ORDER. VPS PROGRAM OF 21 DAYS TO BEGIN OCT. 28.

2. BIO-DATA:

COMPLETE NAME: JUAN ANTONIO ORTEGA DIAZ-AMBRONA

PLACE, DATE OF BIRTH: MADRID, [Sensitive Information Removed Per NARA 15 AUG 2013]

CITIZENSHIP: SPANISH

MAILING ADDRESS: GENERAL MOLA, 40 DUPLO., MADRID

ACADEMIC TRAINING: GRADUATE OF LAW (1961) AND

PHILOSOPHY (1962), U. OF MADRID; ALSO STUDIED

POLITICAL SCIENCE (MADRID) AND INTERNATIONAL LAW (LONDON)

PRESENT POSITION: ADVISOR TO COUNCIL OF STATE;

WORKS WITH NATIONAL NEWSPAPER CHAIN. GRANTEE

IS ACTIVE IN "TACITO" POLITICAL STUDY GROUP

AND A LEADER OF PARTIDO POPULAR, POLITICAL

PARTY OF CHRISTIAN DEMOCRATIC PERSUASION.

HE IS ONE OF THE BRIGHT YOUNGER POLITICAL

FIGURES IN SPAIN.

PAST POSITIONS: DIRECTOR GENERAL FOR LOCAL

ADMINISTRATION (MINISTRY OF PRESIDENCY)

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PROFESSIONAL ORGANIZATIONS: MADRID BAR

ASSOCIATION

LANGUAGES: FLUENT ENGLISH; GOOD KNOWLEDGE
FRENCH, ITALIAN

3. PROGRAM SUGGESTIONS: PRIMARY INTERESTS ARE U.S.
POLITICAL SCENE AND ELECTION CAMPAIGN. ALSO
HAS REQUESTED EXPOSURE OF U.S. JUDICIAL
PROCESS, STATE AND FEDERAL GOVERNMENT
OPERATIONS; AMERICAN UNIVERSITIES (ESPECIAL-
LY A SOCIOLOGY DEPARTMENT).
SUGGESTED ITINERARY: A) WASHINGTON, D.C. -STATE
DEPT. OFFICIALS; CAMPAIGN HEADQUARTERS; SUPREME
COURT; AMERICAN BAR ASSOCIATION; ATTEND TRIAL AT
DISTRICT COURT IF CAN BE ARRANGED; HOUSE OF SENATE
COMMITTEE MEETING; LIBRARY OF CONGRESS; "WASHINGTON
POST" AND/OR "STAR"; SAIS EUROPEAN STUDIES DEPT.;
HISTORICAL AND CULTURAL SITES INCLUDING ATTEND
FUNCTION AT KENNEDY CENTER. B) BOSTON- HARVARD
(LAW AND SOCIAL SCIENCE DEPTS., LIBRARY); BOSTON
"GLOBE" AND/OR "CHRISTIAN SCIENCE MONITOR;" CITY
OFFICIALS/COMMUNITY LEADERS; HISTORICAL AND CUL-
TURAL SITES; FLETCHER SCHOOL LAW AND DIPLOMACY (IF
CAN BE ARRANGED; C) MID-WESTERN CITY - MUNICIPAL
OFFICIALS/COMMUNITY LEADERS; FARM AND FARMING
COMMUNITY; LOCAL NEWSPAPER; HOME HOSPITALITY.
BELIEVE GRANTEE SHOULD HAVE MID-WESTERN EXPERIENCE
IN ORDER UNDERSTAND BETTER VERY IMPORTANT PART OF
COUNTRY. D) GRAND CANYON (SOUTH RIM) AND INDIAN
RESERVATIONS). SAN FRANCISCO - CULTURAL AND HIS-
TORICAL SITES; U. OF CALIFORNIA AT BERKELEY
(SCHOOLS OF LAW AND SOCIAL WELFARE; HOME HOS-
PITALITY; STANFORD U. E) TRAVEL BY CAR/BUS FROM
SAN FRANCISCO TO LOS ANGELES - FACTORY; SMALL COLLEGE
IN L.A. AREA; "LOS ANGELES TIMES"; CULTURAL SITES.
F) NEW ORLEANS - THREE-DAY VISIT WITH FRIENDS WHICH
GRANTEE WILL ARRANGE. RETURN TO MADRID.

4. ORTEGA DIAZ-AMBRONA IS A WELL-INFORMED, ARTICULATE,
FRANK OBSERVER - AS WELL AS PARTICIPANT-OF COMPLEX
SPANISH POLITICAL SCENE. HE WOULD LIKE VERY MUCH
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HAVE OPPORTUNITY GIVE BRIEF LECTURE (IN SPANISH).
FOLLOWED BY QUESTION/ANSWER PERIOD, ON CURRENT
POLITICAL SITUATION IN SPAIN. EMBASSY BELIEVES
SAIS OR FLETCHER WOULD BE GOOD FORM AND HE WELL-
SUITED GIVE ACADEMICS INTERESTED IN SPAIN BETTER
UNDERSTANDING EVENTS TAKING PLACE HERE. THIS WOULD
FIT NEATLY INTO TWO-WAY-STREET CONCEPT OF EXCHANGE
PROGRAM.

5. AN ESCORT WILL BE REQUIRED.

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